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Dear Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed February 6, 2003, please consider the following. Applicant's attorney has requested in a separate paper that the date for responding to the first Office Action be extended two (2) months, up to and including July 6, 2003. The statutory fee of \$410.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for this extension request is enclosed herewith. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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